

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of the Claims

Prior to this amendment, claims 1-3 and 9 were pending in this application. The Office has rejected claims 1-3 and 9. Claims 1, 2 and 9 have been amended. Claims 11-14 have been added. Claims 4-8 and 10 were previously canceled. Hence, claims 1-3, 9 and 11-14 are pending.

Claims 1-3 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1-3 and 9 also stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by the cited portions of the non-patent literature document "*Simplifying Complex Project Management: Complex Projects at US West Benefit from AutoPlan II Project Management Software*" by Stevens (hereinafter "Stevens").

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and remarks made herein.

Amendments

Claim 1

Applicant has amended claim 1 to more clearly recite the invention claimed therein. Claim 1 now recites, "defining which works compose the subproject, through selection by a user, from works which compose an upper subproject[.]" This amendment is supported throughout the specification, for example, at Fig. 9; Fig. 11, element 1102; and page 16, lines 11-22 of the specification.

Claim 1 also now recites, "storing work ID serially assigned for each of the works composing the subproject, the subproject to which the work belongs, and attribute values of the work[.]" This amendment is supported throughout the specification, for example, at Fig. 4; Fig. 11, element 1107; and page 17, line 23 to page 18, line 6.

Claim 1 also now recites, “defining relationships among respective works of said subproject, respective works of said upper subproject, and respective works of an uppermost project by using the work ID in the subproject, a master work ID assigned for the same work in the upper subproject as the subproject, and an uppermost work ID assigned for the same work in the uppermost subproject as the subproject[.]” This amendment is supported throughout the specification, for example, at Fig. 5; Fig. 11, element 1108; and page 18, lines 7-20.

Claim 1 also now recites, “referring to the upper work ID, collecting the work IDs of a same stage from the work IDs in the subprojects selected by the user, collecting attribute values of the work IDs having the same uppermost master work ID from the work IDs of the same stage, and calculating the attribute values of a compound work using the collected attribute values[.]” This amendment is supported throughout the specification, for example, at Fig. 13, elements 1302-1307; and page 23, line12 to page 25, line 12.

Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is added by these amendments.

Claim 2

Applicant has amended claim 2 to more clearly recite the invention claimed therein. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is added by this amendment.

Claim 9

Applicant has amended claim 9 in a manner similar to claim 1. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is added by these amendments.

Claim 11

Applicant has added new claim 11. This new claim is supported throughout the specification, for example, at page 26, lines 7-11. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is added by this new claim.

Claim 12

Applicant has added new claim 12. This new claim is supported throughout the specification, for example, at Fig. 17 and page 25 line 25 to page 38, line 1. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is added by this new claim.

Claim 13

Applicant has amended claim 13 in a manner similar to claim 11. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is added by these amendments. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is added by this new claim.

Claim 14

Applicant has amended claim 14 in a manner similar to claim 12. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is added by these amendments. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is added by this new claim.

Remarks

Claims 1-3 and 9 - § 112 Rejections

Claims 1 and 9 stand rejected in the Office Action under § 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention therein.

Claims 1 and 9 have been amended to more clearly recite Applicant's claimed invention. Applicant respectfully submits that the § 112 rejections are now moot and therefore requests withdrawal of such rejections.

Claims 1-3 and 9 - § 102 Rejections

Claim 1

Claims 1 stands rejected in the Office Action under § 102 as being anticipated by Stevens. Applicant has amended claim 1 to include recitations not taught by Stevens.

Merely by way of example, Stevens does not teach "defining relationships among respective works of said subproject, respective works of said upper subproject, and respective

works of an uppermost project by using the work ID in the subproject, a master work ID assigned for the same work in the upper subproject as the subproject, and an uppermost work ID assigned for the same work in the uppermost subproject as the subproject[.]”

Likewise, Stevens does also not teach “referring to the upper work ID, collecting the work IDs of a same stage from the work IDs in the subprojects selected by the user, collecting attribute values of the work IDs having the same uppermost master work ID from the work IDs of the same stage, and calculating the attribute values of a compound work using the collected attribute values[.]”

Because Stevens does not teach or suggest all recitations of claim 1, Stevens cannot anticipate claim 1. Therefore, for at least this reason, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the § 102 rejection of this claim.

Claims 2 and 3

Claims 2 and 3 each stand rejected in the Office Action under § 102 as being anticipated by Stevens.

Claims 2 and 3 each depend from claim 1, and are therefore believed to be allowable at least by virtue of their dependence from an allowable base claim. Therefore, for at least this reason, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the § 102 rejection of this claim.

Claim 9

Claim 9 stands rejected in the Office Action under § 102 as being anticipated by Stevens. Applicant has amended claim 9 to include recitations similar to those discussed above in regard to claim 1.

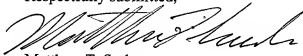
For at least the same reasons discussed above in regard to claim 1, Stevens does not teach or suggest all recitations of claim 9, and thus cannot anticipate claim 9. Therefore, for at least this reason, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the § 102 rejection of this claim.

CONCLUSION

For at least all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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